



King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes Regional Policy Committee

*Councilmembers: Pete von Reichbauer, Chair;
Rod Dembowski, Girmay Zahilay
Alternate: Sarah Perry*

*Sound Cities Association: Nancy Backus, Auburn, Vice Chair;
Jay Arnold, Kirkland;
Angela Birney, Redmond; Armondo Pavone, Renton
Alternates: Dana Ralph, Kent; Debra Srebnik, Kenmore*

*City of Seattle: Debora Juarez, Alexis Mercedes Rinck
Alternates: Sara Nelson, Mark Solomon*

*Lead Staff: Miranda Leskinen (206-263-5783)
Committee Clerk: Angelica Calderon (206-477-0874)*

3:00 PM

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

REVISED AGENDA

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Pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.035 A. and F., this meeting is also noticed as a meeting of the Metropolitan King County Council, whose agenda is limited to the committee business. In this meeting only the rules and procedures applicable to committees apply and not those applicable to full council meetings.

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1. **Call to Order**

Chair von Reichbauer called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 11 - Arnold, Backus, Birney, Dembowski, Pavone, von Reichbauer, Mercedes Rinck, Zahilay, Ralph, Srebnik and Solomon

Excused: 1 - Juarez

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Backus moved approval of the August 20, 2025 Special meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

Briefing

4. **[Briefing No. 2025-B0133](#)**

Best Starts for Kids (BSK) 2024 Annual Report

Miranda Leskinen, Council staff, briefed the Committee and answered questions from members.

This matter was Presented

5. **[Briefing No. 2025-B0134](#)**

Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) 2024 Annual Report

Sam Porter, Council staff, briefed the Committee and answered questions from the members. Susan McLaughlin, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Division

(BHRD), DCHS, and Robin Pfohman, MIDD Coordinator, BHRD, DCHS briefed the Committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

6. [Briefing No. 2025-B0137](#)

A briefing on MIDD Renewal Legislation for Proposal by the Regional Policy Committee Directly to the King County Council

Sam Porter, Council staff, briefed the Committee and answered questions from the members regarding items 6 and 7. Kelly Rider, Director, Department of Community and Human Services answered questions from the members. Kendall Moore, Council Assistant Chief Legal Counsel, also answered questions from the members.

The Committee approved to propose directly to the Council a MIDD tax levy ordinance with a collection period of only 2 years moved by Mayor Birney. This proposal was approved by the following vote:

*Votes: Yes: 8 - von Reichbauer, Zahilay, Arnold, Backus, Birney, Pavone,
No: 4 - Dembowski; Rinck and Solomon voting as alternate for Juarez
who was excused.
Excused: Juarez*

This matter was Presented

Discussion and Possible Action

7. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0212](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the levy collection of the sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for the delivery of behavioral health services and therapeutic courts authorized by RCW 82.14.460; continuing the sales and use tax; adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4A.500, establishing an effective date, and establishing an expiration date.

Sponsors: Dembowski

Item 7 was examined and commented on as part of the discussion of Item 6.

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Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature